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FRENCH LOSE TO GERMANS IN WEST

Most Important Gain Made by Teutons Since the Battle of Ypres Is Reported in the Champagne District

London, Feb. 14.—Claiming a gain not surpassed except once since the great battle of the Marne, the Berlin official statement today said the Teutons captured nearly a mile of French trenches in the Champagne and 400 yards in the Vosges.

The only greater success recorded was in the British defeat at Ypres in May.

The Germans stormed 700 yards of trenches northwest of Tahure, where on Saturday night they reported taking of 700 yards. This carried them to the Souain-Somme-Py highway, the scene of bloody strife during the allies' September offensive.

The statement claimed that seven French prisoners and 300 men were made prisoners in the Champagne yesterday.

Paris, Feb. 14.—German soldiers captured 200 yards of French trenches east of Seppois in upper Alsace. It was officially admitted today, but the French retained most of the ground through counter-attacks. Before the Germans could dig themselves in they were driven off.

Yesterday afternoon the French captured several German trenches at Frize, after which the Germans counter-attacked. Nearly a whole German company was killed, only 70 remaining behind as prisoners. The statement said the German losses were considerable.

The communique indicated no important changes in the Champagne or in the region north of Arras, where the armies have been struggling for two days.

BULGARS OCCUPY ALBANIAN CITY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Berlin, Feb. 14.—Bulgarian troops occupied Elbasan, Albania, on Saturday and are now heading westward to join the Austrians in cutting off the retreat of the Italians from the port of Durazzo.

The inhabitants of Elbasan warmly welcomed the invaders, said an official statement today.

Now the Italians and Albanians face the danger of envelopment unless they retreat from Durazzo.

Saturday's Vienna official statement said the Italians, clashing with the Austrians for the first time, had attacked them west of Tirana, indicating that they intend to make a stand at Durazzo.

KAISER AND T. R. SCARE MR. WILSON

Washington, Feb. 14.—"President Wilson is afraid of two men—the kaiser and myself," Representative Sells of Tennessee today quoted Colonel Roosevelt as saying recently at Oyster Bay.

Roosevelt declared he favored any one for the presidency who could beat Wilson; and added that the administration's dealings with Mexico and Europe had deadened the conscience of America.

CARL VROOMAN.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture of the United States.



THE POISON PLOT TRAIL LEADS TO ANARCHIST DEN

Chicago, Feb. 14.—In their search for Jean Cronos, suspected in the poison banquet plot against Archbishop Mundelein, Governor Dunne and others, police today followed a trail into the deepest of anarchist channels.

Chief of Police Healy admitted that he had wired St. Paul authorities to seek Mrs. Gateano Bresci, widow of the assassin of King Humbert of Italy, inasmuch as it was reported that Cronos had once roomed at her house. She recently went from this city to St. Paul, where her home became the headquarters of many fanatics.

LINER BRINGS STORY OF SHIPWRECKED SAILORS

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—A tale of suffering rivaling the shipwrecks of early days was brought to port today on the liner Klyo Maru by Captain Biehl of the Peruvian bark Ivanhoe, wrecked off the Hawaiian islands during a storm last month. Two of the ship's crew were drowned and the rest tossed upon a barren rock off shore, where for two days and nights they were lashed by the sea and wind, without food or drink, the captain said.

NEW YORK HAS COLDEST DAY OF THE SEASON

New York, Feb. 14.—After a day of wind, snow and sleet, the thermometer dropped here to two above zero, the lowest mark of the year, and the weather bureau issued notice to "hold storm warnings from Cape Hatteras to Boston."

Trains were delayed and many wires were prostrated.

WAR DOINGS OF A DAY

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+ nearly a mile of trenches in the +
+ Champagne, with successes else- +
+ where. +
+ Paris admitted Teuton gains +
+ in upper Alsace, but claimed +
+ they were nullified by counter- +
+ attacks. +
+ Bulgarians captured Elbasan, +
+ Albania. +
+ French cruiser Admiral +
+ Charner reported lost with 374 +
+ men. +
+ British cruiser Arethusa +
+ mined, probably totally wreck- +
+ ed. +
+ Roumania completed her +
+ mobilization. +
+ Austrian birdmen killed six +
+ in raid on Milan, Italy. +
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PRES. WILSON ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Tells Ohio Secretary of State in Letter That Use of His Name Is Consented to on Primary Election Ballot

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Wilson today formally announced himself a candidate for re-election. This step was taken when he wrote to Secretary of State Hildebrand of Ohio permitting the use of his name on the Ohio primary ballots.

In casting his hat into the political ring the president wrote:

"I am enclosing you a letter, the occasion of which, I dare say, will be quite obvious. Friends in Ohio have called my attention to section 4954 of the general code of Ohio as amended in 1914 with reference to primary elections, and have requested that I indicate my willingness to have my name used. Accordingly, I take the liberty of sending you the enclosed letter as formal permission under the statute."

The enclosed letter to which Wilson referred said:

"Hon Charles Hildebrand, Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio.

"My Dear Sir: While I am entirely unwilling to enter into any contest for the presidential nomination of the democratic party, I am willing to permit the use of my name so that democrats in Ohio may make known their preference in regard to that nomination. In order, therefore, to satisfy the technical requirements of the statute, I hereby consent to the use of my name as candidate for the presidency by any candidate who seeks to be a delegate to the democratic national convention.

"Respectfully yours,

"(Signed): Woodrow Wilson."

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE AGREE UPON POLICY TOWARD GERMANY

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing are in perfect accord over their policy in the matter of the Teutonic plans to make unwarmed attacks on armed merchant vessels, it was learned today. The president considers that issues may arise from the proposals of Germany and Austria fraught with possibilities as grave, if not more grave, than any that have confronted the nation since the war started.

The attitude of the government toward the Teutonic announcement has not been fully determined.

The administration has learned that Berlin is sending here photographed copies of British instructions to vessels to "ram or run" when sighting submarines. Upon these orders the central powers hold that they are justified in their new course.

The German note, announcing the new policy operative after February 29, does not distinguish between passenger and freight merchant ships, and declared that both would be sunk without warning if they are armed.

The Austrian announcement has also reached here and will be turned over to President Wilson with the Berlin notice. Both will be made public tomorrow.

It is admitted that if this government takes the German view the state department must go beyond the mere restriction of entry of such armed ships into American ports. Moreover, a simple warning to Amer-

ican citizens to keep off such vessels would not relieve the government of responsibility for citizens who disregarded the warning. Probably the administration must refuse to grant passports to citizens desiring to travel on armed ships.

The allies' replies to Lansing's proposals for disarming merchantmen are expected to arrive in a day or two.

Should a crisis develop over the situation, it is expected to arise very soon, as the new rules go into effect next month.

Following up his recent peace ship expedition to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas, Ford now intends to start a newspaper and magazine propaganda against preparedness.

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COUNT JULIUS ANDRASSY.

Hungarian Leader Predicts Big Drive by Allies in Spring.



WOOD CUTTING ON O. & C. LAND GRANT MUST STOP

R. H. Gilliland, representing the department of the interior, was in the city Saturday investigating the cutting of wood from the O. & C. granted lands, the status of which is now before congress. Mr. Gilliland said that under the injunction recently issued by Judge Wolverton of the federal court, the removal of timber or any other thing of value from the lands of the grant was absolutely prohibited, and his trip through the district was to see that the injunction was being observed. He said that reports of the cutting of wood from the lands in this vicinity had come to the department, and that a part of his duty would be to see that this was discontinued. A former agent of the department, before the order of Judge Wolverton, had made no objection to the removal of wood from the lands so nothing but brush and down timber was taken, but Mr. Gilliland was of the opinion that the Wolverton injunction would cover this also, so to keep from being in contempt of court woodcutters would have to cease their operations.

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Smith, 34 years old, worked in the Rochdale store at Germantown. Early today the robber pried his way into Jensen's home, where Smith boarded. Flashing a searchlight on each man separately, he commanded them to be quiet. Under pain of death, the bandit ordered them to precede him to the store. They obeyed. The two men lined up in single file, while the robber followed with his revolver drawn.

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ROBBER SHOT AND KILLED VICTIM

Officers Capture J. V. Wilt Who Is Charged With the Murder of Warner C. Smith at Willows, California

Willows, Cal., Feb. 14.—Rounded up two miles from the scene of the killing of Warner C. Smith, who was shot by a robber early today, J. V. Wilt was charged here this afternoon with Smith's murder.

Officials believe Wilt is mentally deranged, as evidenced from his alleged routing of Smith and Theodore Jensen from bed today, marching them to a Germantown store, forcing them to open a safe, and then taking them down the railroad tracks and shooting them.

Jensen's wound is not thought to be serious.

Wilt was the divorced husband of Jensen's sister.

Willows, Cal., Feb. 14.—Forcing Warner C. Smith, a bookkeeper, and Theodore Jensen, a clerk, to leave their beds and go to the store in Germantown where they were employed, a robber stood guard over them today while they opened a safe and then killed Smith and wounded Jensen as they sought to escape.

The robber is now surrounded in an encampment a mile square, while a posse is narrowing the ring around him. Sheriff Bailey heads the group. Everyone is armed and has orders to get the man dead or alive.

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